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SUBJECT: CHARACTERISTICS OF US COMSEC EQUIPMENT

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SUMMARY: US TEAM PRESENTED A SUCCESSFUL BRIEFING ON THE SUBJECT. NICSMA, BY LETTER, HAS ACKNOWLEDGED WRITTEN AND ORAL INFORMATION PRESENTED TO DATE AND HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. WE QUOTE TEXT OF NICSMA LETTER. END SUMMARY.

1. THE BRIEFING AND DISCUSSIONS AT NICSMA ON THE SUBJECT, JAN 8-9, GENERATED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST BY ALL ATTENDEES. WE HAVE HEARD ONLY PRAISE FOR THE QUALITY OF THE BRIEFING, THE WILLINGNESS OF THE US TEAM TO IMPART INFORMATION, AND THE MERITS OF THE US EQUIPMENT.

2. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION BETWEEN US TEAM LEADER (SEARS) AND NICSMA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL (KISSINGER), LATTER UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPRESSED NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. NICSMA STAFF HAD PREPARED A PAPER IDENTIFYING REQUIREMENTS. US TEAM LEADER EXPLAINED PROBLEMS WITH SOME ITEMS IN NICSMA PAPER, AND NEGOTIATED WITH DDG ON SCHEDULE FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION. SEARS

AND KISSINGER REACHED AGREEMENT THAT US WOULD ACCEPT THE NICSMA PAPER AS A GUIDE AND WOULD PROVIDE AS MUCH OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION AS FEASIBLE ACCORDING TO THE NICSMA SCHEDULE, WITH FURTHER DETAIL TO FOLLOW UP UNTIL ABOUT APRIL 20, 1976 (THE LATEST DATE IT CAN BE OF USE TO NICSMA AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NATO JOINT C-E COMMITTEE).

3. ON JANUARY 14, 1976 WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DDG NICSMA ENCLOSING THE PAPER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS. WE QUOTE BELOW THE TEXT OF THIS LETTER AND ITS ENCLOSURE:  
QUOTE:

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCELLENT PRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE U.S. CRYPTOMGRAPHIC AUTHORITIES TO NICSMA ON 8 AND 9 JANUARY 1976. THIS SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES OFFER ON A FAMILY OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENTS AS MADE AT THE NJCEC 23-24 OCTOBER 1975 MEETING WILL CERTAINLY BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE AS WE FORMULATE FUTURE POSITION PAPERS AND WORK ON OUR SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE STUDY.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE WRITTEN INFORMATION YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE US TO DATE CONCERNING YOUR OFFER AS WE ARE FOR THE PARTIAL ANSWERS TO THE LIST OF QUESTIONS WE PROVIDED TO YOUR AUTHORITIES. WE WILL, HOWEVER, REQUIRE FURTHER OFFICIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES OFFER IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RATHER SHORT TIME SCHEDULE IF WE ARE TO PREPARE A FURTHER REPORT TO THE NJCEC IN APRIL 1976. I HAVE ENCLOSED A COPY OF A MEMORANDUM FROM GENERAL BARONI TO ME STATING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED AND THE TIME SCHEDULE CONCERNED.

YOUR VALUABLE ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

1 ENCL                    /S/ HAROLD A. KISSINGER  
                             LIEUTENANT GENERAL, US ARMY  
                             DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

END QUOTE

QUOTE (ENCLOSURE):

SUBJECT: INFORMATION NEEDED FROM US CRYPTO TEAM

FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY 12 JANUARY 1976:  
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(A) SCHEDULE CHART USED BY MR. FAHERTY

(B) SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

(1) BLOCK DIAGRAM

(2) FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION OF HOW INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS OPERATE WITH EACH OTHER (INCLUDING SOME TYPICAL EXAMPLES OF CALL SET UP FOR VOICE, MESSAGE AND DATA).

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY 9 FEBRUARY:

(A) PROJECTED COSTS

(B) RATIONALE THAT SUPPORTS APPROACH ADOPTED

(C) NARROWBAND TERMINAL INFO AND STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT

(D) DESCRIPTION OF MAROON INTERFACE TECHNIQUES

(E) COMSEC ANNEX TO TRI-TAC SPECIFICATIONS  
(F) ADAPTABILITY OF SYSTEM CONCEPT TO STRATEGIC  
SYSTEMS SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED IN BRIEFING  
FOR MODIFICATION OF CONUS AUTOVON (NO 1 ESS)  
(G) TRANSITION IMPLICATIONS VISUALISING EARLY  
1979/80 EUROPEAN CIVILIAN AND NATO COMMUN-  
ICATIONS SYSTEMS/EQUIPMENT STATUS.  
(H) MAJOR EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND US COMMUNITY OF  
INTEREST GROUPS RESOLUTION OF MOST STANDARDS/  
SYSTEMS PARAMETERS.

/S/ T. BARONI

BRIGADIER GENERAL

END QUOTE  
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